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1. SUMMARY. ADCM MADE REFTTEL DEMARCHE APRIL 27 TO MFA DIVISION ACTING DIRECTOR KOMPLEKTOV, WHO WAS ACCOMPANIED BY MFA LAW OF SEA EXPERT NASINOVSKIY. THE RESPONDED POSITIVELY AND IN CONSTRUCTIVE VEIN, NOTING:

-- THAT SOVIETS HAD NO PROBLEM WITH, AND WOULD NOT BE AGAINST, SECOND SESSION OF 6-8 WEEKS BEGINNING MID-JULY IN GENEVA;

-- THAT SOVIETS, HOWEVER, SEE NO GUARANTEE AS YET THAT SECOND SESSION BE THE FINAL AND CONCLUSIVE ONE, AND THERE MAY BE NEED FOR STILL FURTHER SESSIONS;

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-- THAT THEY UNDERSTAND UN SECRETARIAT HAS PROBLEMS WITH
SUGGESTION TO CONVENE MEETING IN GENEVA AT THAT TIME; AND

-- THAT THEY COUNT ON CONSTRUCTIVE U.S. ATTITUDE ON
QUESTIONS OF INTEREST TO USSR COMPARABLE TO CONSTRUC-
TIVE SOVIET ATTITUDE ON QUESTIONS OF "SPECIAL" INTEREST
TO U.S. END SUMMARY.

2. IN ABSENCE OF DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER KORNIYENKO (ILL THIS WEEK),
ADCM MADE DEMARCHE AS INSTRUCTED REFTEL WITH MFA USA DIVISION
ACTING DIRECTOR KOMPLEKTOV APRIL 27. KOMPLEKTOV WAS
ACCOMPANIED BY MFA LEGAL AND TREATY DIVISION LAW OF
SEA EXPERT EVGENIY NASINOVSKIY. IN MAKING PRESENTATION
ADCM COMMENTED THAT WE HAD NOTED STATEMENTS INDICATING
SOVIET INTEREST IN SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION OF CONFERENCE
THIS YEAR, AN INTEREST WE SHARE.

3. KOMPLEKTOV RESPONDED BY ASKING WHETHER THE PHRASE
"IN THE ABSENCE OF A SECOND SESSION" (PARA 3 REFTEL)
MEANT THE U.S. DOUBTED AS SECOND SESSION WOULD TAKE
PLACE. ADCM REPLIED THAT DEMARCHE WAS INTENDED TO
UNDERLINE IMPORTANCE WE ATTACHE TO ANOTHER SESSION.

4. NASINOVSKIY RECALLED THAT DURING THE UN DISCUSSIONS
IN WHICH HE HAD PARTICIPATED THE U.S. AND SOVIET SIDES
HAD ALREADY AGREED THAT THERE COULD BE TWO SESSIONS.
THE SOVKET SIDE WOULD THEREFORE HAVE NO OBJECTION TO A
SECOND SESSION. THE ONLY DIFFICULTY, SAID NASINOVSKIY,
WAS THAT THE U.S. WISHED THE SECOND SESSION TO BE FINAL
AND CONCLUSIVE. THE SOVIETS COULD NOT YET TAKE SUCH A
"CATEGORICAL" POSITION AND COULD NOT RULE OUT THAT
STILL ANOTHER SESSION OR PERHAPS SEVERAL SESSIONS MIGHT
CONCEIVABLY BE NEEDED.

5. KOMPLEKTOV ADDED THAT THERE WERE MANY COMPLEX
QUESTIONS STILL UNRESOLVED. COOPERATION BETWEEN THE
TWO DELEGATIONS HAD BEE PRODUCTIVE, BUT, AS GROMYKO
HAD SAID TO THE AMBASSADOR (MOSCOW 5681), IT COULD BE
EVEN MORE PRODUCTIVE, BOTH ON QUESTIONS OF INTERESTS
TO THE U.S. AND ON QUESTIONS OF INTEREST TO THE SOVIETS.
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THE SOVIETS PROCEEDED FROM THE ASSUMPTION THAT THE
U.S. DELEGATION WOULD APPROACH QUESTIONS OF INTEREST
TO THE SOVIETS WITH UNDERSTANDING, JUST AS THE SOVIETS
HAD APPROACHED TOPICS OF "SPECIAL" INTEREST TO THE
U.S. SIDE. HE POINTED OUT IN THIS REGARD THAT THE
AMBASSADOR'S CONVERSATION WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTER
HAD LED TO THE "FRUITFUL AND COOPERATIVE" SPIRIT OF
THE SUBSEQUENT TALKS BETWEEN AMBASSADORS KOZYREV AND

LEARSON IN NEW YORK. THERE ARE BROAD AREAS OF MUTUAL INTEREST HERE WHICH WILL AFFECT US NOT FOR MONTHS OR YEARS, BUT FOR DECADES TO COME, KOMPLEKTOV SAID.

6. WITH REGARD TO THE SUGGESTION OF A 6-8 WEEKS' SESSION BEGINNING MID-JULY IN GENEVA, NASINOVSKIY SAID THIS ENTAILED NO PROBLEMS FOR THE SOVIETS. HOWEVER, HE UNDERSTOOD THAT THIS MIGHT CAUSE SOME PROBLEMS OF SCHEDULING FOR THE UN SECRETARIAT STAFF IN GENEVA AND THAT IT WAS HIS UNDERSTANDING THAT THIS HAD NOT YET BEE RESOLVED.

7. KOMPLEKTOV CONCLUDED THAT THE QUESTION OF WHETHER THE SECOND SESSION WOULD BE FINAL DEPENDED SOMEWHAT ON PROGRESS THAT COULD BE MADE AT THE PRESENT SESSION. THE U.S. AND SOVIET DELEGATIONS, AS REPRESENTATIVES OF TWO GREAT MARITIME POWERS, SHOULD COOPERATE, HE REITERATED, AND THE SOVIETS ARE HOPING FOR THE SAME CONSTRUCTIVE ATTITUDE FROM TH U.S. DELEGATION AS THEIR OWN WILL HAVE.
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